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SUBJECT: FURTHER SOVIET PRESS COMMENTS ON BRZEZINSKI
VISIT TO CHINA

: (A) MOSCOW 11184, (B) MOSCOW 11066

SUMMARY: WASHINGTON DATELINED TASS ARTICLE CHARGES THAT
BRZEZINSKI IS INTERESTED IN FINDING AREAS OF "COMMON
INTEREST" WITH PEKING TO OPPOSE THE SOVIET UNION "IN
VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD." PROMINENT IZVESTIYA
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POLITICAL COMMENTATOR BOVIN PICTURES BRZEZINSKI
PERSONALLY IN NEGATIVE LIGHT, REPEATS ACCUSATION THAT
HIS CHINA TRIP IS AIMED AT APPLYING PRESSURE ON THE
SOVIET UNION, AND DECLARES SOVIET DETERMINATION NOT
TO BE INTIMIDATED. END SUMMARY.

1. MAY 20 TASS STORY DATELINED WASHINGTON AND

CARRIED IN MAY 21 PRAVDA (ALSO ON MAY 20 TASS ENGLISH LANGUAGE TICKER) MIXES EDITORIALIZING AND SELECTIVE EXCERPTS FROM U.S. PRESS TO CRITICIZE BRZEZINSKI'S FOREIGN POLICY OUTLOOK AND HIS TRIP TO CHINA. ENTITLED "IN A QUEST FOR COMMON INTERESTS," ARTICLE ACCUSES BRZEZINSKI OF INTENDING TO PLAY THE "CHINESE CARD" AND TO EXPLOIT THE PRC'S ANTI-SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY "TO DERIVE CERTAIN BENEFIT FROM IT FOR THE FORCES IN THE U.S." WHICH ADVOCATE PURSUING A "POLICY OF PRESSURE. ARTICLE CITES NEW YORK TIMES AS STATING THAT "NO OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIAL HAS A STAKE IN SETTING CHINA AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION." ARTICLE GOES ON TO CLAIM THAT "SEEN FROM THE U.S. PRESS", BRZEZINSKI WILL USE HIS MEETINGS WITH CHINESE LEADERS TO SEEK "PARALLEL INTERESTS" ON THE BASIS OF THE "SOVIET THREAT" AND TO USE THESE INTERESTS TO COLLABORATE WITH PEKING "IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD." ARTICLE CLAIMS U.S. BUSINESS AND POLITICAL CIRCLES" SUPPORTING COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION QUESTION WHETHER THIS VIEW MEETS THE REAL INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-U.S. . ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY STATING "AS IS KNOWN, THE POLICY OF PRESSURE AND BLACKMAIL AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, ABOUT WHICH THE U.S. PRESS WRITES, HAS NEVER BEEN AND WILL NEVER BE A SUCCESS."

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PROGRAM, INTERNATIONAL PANORAMA, INCLUDED COMMENTARY BY PROMINENT IZVESTIYA COMMENTATOR A. Y. BOVIN ON BRZEZINSKI'S BACKGROUND AND HIS CURRENT TRIP TO CHINA. BOVIN NOTED THAT BRZEZINSKI WAS THE SON OF A POLISH DIPLOMAT IN PRE-COMMUNIST POLAND, THAT HE EVENTUALLY MOVED TO THE U.S., ATTENDED HARVARD AND SUBSEQUENTLY ESTABLISHED AN INSTITUTE AT COLOMBIA FOR THE STUDY OF PROBLEMS OF COMMUNISM. LIKE TASS ARTICLE, PARA 1, BOVIN CITED U.S. PRESS AS REPORTING THAT BRZEZINSKI IS ATTEMPTING TO PLAY THE CHINA CARD IN HIS CURRENT TRIP TO CHINA AND STRESSED THAT THE USSR WOULD NOT BE INTIMIDATED BY SUCH ACTIONS.

3. MAY 18 ENGLISH LANGUAGE NOVOSTI SIGNED COMMENTARY RELEASED MAY 19 ENTITLED "WHY IS BRZEZINSKI GOING TO PEKING" STATES:

-- BRZEZINSKI TRIP, LIKE VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S TWELVE DAY SWING THROUGH ASIA, IS GEARED TO RESTORING U.S. POWER AND PRESTIGE IN ASIA, "TO GALVANIZE THE MILITARY BLOCS EXISTING IN THAT AREA AND TO TRY TO GET UP NEW ONES."

-- SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE, AS REPORTED IN THE U.S.
PRESS, QUESTIONED THE WISDOM OF THE BRZEZINSKI
CHINA VISIT.

-- BRZEZINSKI VISIT "EVIDENTLY SUITS THE CHINESE
LEADERS AS WELL." LATTER, DESPITE THE TAIWAN PROBLEM,
WILL BE LOOKING FOR SINO-U.S. "COMMON INTERESTS"
AND "CONVERGENT POINTS" IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC,
AS WELL AS PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATION IN A NUMBER OF
FIELDS, INCLUDING "MILITARY COOPERATION." ARTICLE

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CONCLUDES THAT "PEKING'S DIPLOMATIC AND JOURNALISTIC
CIRCLES ARE SUGGESTING THAT THE 'UNITED FRONT' ISSUE
MAY, IN ALL PROBABILITY, BE BROUGHT UP DURING
THE BRZEZINSKI TALKS. WHAT COMES OUT OF IT WILL BE
CLEAR AFTER BRZEZINSKI IS THROUGH WITH HIS PEKING
TALKS." MATLOCK

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